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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
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(Situation Map attached)

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Boundary between Third and First Armies changed as follows: As before to AHR River F2501 - thence AHR River to F4305 - thence due east to RHINE River F7505.

Boundary between First and Ninth Armies changed 100730A as follows: As before to BEDBURG F1867 (to Ninth Army) thence to WORRINGEN F3874 (incl to First Army).

Temporary boundary between Ninth and First U S Armies: As before to F1864 thence to F2267 - ROMMERSKIRCHEN F2771 - BUTZHEIM F2872 - HACKENBROICH F3574 (all incl to Ninth Army) - WORRINGEN F3874 (incl to First Army).

Temporary operational boundary between First Canadian and Ninth U S Armies: As before to A1625 - thence north along stream to HUCK A1631 - A1632 - thence along a line parallel to and 300 yards southeast of the road from ALPEN A1531 to BUDERICH A2037 - stream in the vicinity of A1734 - along stream to railway bridge A1836 - thence along railway to the RHINE River at A2040 (all incl to Ninth Army).

Boundary between XX and XII Corps changed as follows: Present boundary to OBERBILLIG L1124 (to XX Corps) - along road OBERBILLIG to EHRANG L2434 (to XX Corps with running rights to XII Corps) - along MOSELLE River to BERNKASTEL L5246 (to XX Corps).

Boundary between XII U S Corps and VIII U S Corps changed as follows: Present boundary from RJ L6191 to MAYEN L6392 (to XII Corps with running rights to VIII Corps) - HAUSEN L6692 - OCHTENDUNG L7594 (both to VIII Corps) - VOLKEN L8193 (to XII Corps) - GULS L8693 (to VIII Corps).

Boundary between V and III Corps changed as follows: Present boundary to AHRWEILER F5416 - thence along AHR River to junction with RHINE River F6718 (all incl V Corps).

Boundary between XIX Corps and XIII Corps: F1091 - along railroad to F1495 - east along 95 Grid line to METTMANN F4795.

Boundary between XIII Corps and XVI Corps: RJ E9600 - LOBBERICH E9802 - GREFRATH A0304 - along railroad to KEMPEN A0808 - thence along road to southwestern edge of HULS A1408 (all incl XVI Corps) - HULS A1408 (incl XIII Corps) - railroad at A1510 - along railroad to A2517 - HOMBERG A2717 (incl XIII Corps) - A2920 - A4022.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (101200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. 1st French Division. Commenced movement to the ALPINE FRONT COMMAND.

SEVENTH ARMY. 71st Division. Advance elements closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of Q3632. Attached to XV Corps. 6th Armored Division. Combat

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Command "A" closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of VIC-SUR-SEILLE Q1120. Attached to XV Corps. 3d and 45th Divisions and 65th Infantry Regiment. All no change.

VI Corps. No change.

XV Corps. No change.

XXI Corps. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" relieved the 101st Cavalry Group along the line Q3767 - Q3468.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (102400A). XIX Corps. 95th Division. 377th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of KLSTER F1768.

XIII Corps. 84th Division. 333d Infantry relieved the 377th Infantry (95th Div) along the RHINE River from A3012 to A2914 at 1710A. 335th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of KREFELD A1804 at 1800A. 5th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of ST. TONIS A1303 at 1130A.

XVI Corps. 35th Division. (With CCB 8th Armd Div, 291st Inf and 15th Cav Gp atchd). Captured BUDERICH A1937, BORTH A1833, OSSENBERG A2030 and DRUPT A1632 and reached the southern edge of FT. BLUCHER A2138. Established contact with the 52d British Division at GEST A1938. 291st Infantry reverted to command of the 75th Division. Front line change: BUDERICH A1937 - FT. BLUCHER A2138 - GEST A1938. 75th Division. 289th Infantry relieved the 335th Infantry (84th Div) north of new corps right boundary at 2400A.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XII Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. 11th Armored Division. (Less 4th Armd Bde). Continued movement to a concentration area in the vicinity of DIEST K1168.

XXX Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. 49th Division. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 52d Division. (With 34th Tk and 8th Armd Bdes atchd). Advanced within its zone to the RHINE River. All opposition on the division front ceased. Relieved 4th Canadian Armored Division. Front line change: RHINE River A2040 - A1341.

I Corps. No change.

AIR. (10 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,359 bombers against nine marshalling yards and two viaducts in western Germany. 1,332 aircraft dropped 2,697.5 tons of general purpose and 510.2 tons of incendiary bombs against assigned primary targets, two secondary targets and one target of opportunity. One bomber was lost. 413 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber operation. Three aircraft were lost. Seventy-four fighter aircraft sortied in support of the Ninth Air Force. 150 fighter aircraft sortied on freelance. Claims included two enemy aircraft. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 383 bombers against targets in DILLENBURG G3837, LEMP G4827, LIPPSTADT B1342 and SIEGEN G2053. Numerous casual targets were also attacked. 735 fighter/fighter bomber sorties were flown. Five aircraft were lost. Claims included 143 motor transport and 30 locomotives.

#### 4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light intermittent drizzle during the morning. Clouds: Low overcast. Visibility: 1 to 2 miles at dawn, improving to 3 to 5 miles during the morning and to more than 6 miles during the afternoon. Wind: 8 mph, north-west. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 49° F. Minimum 39° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 26th Division. 302d Infantry Regiment closed in division reserve in the vicinity of TAWERN L1220. 10th Armored Division. (With 417th Inf atchd). Advanced four miles east against scattered resistance. Units captured WENGEROHR L4252 and KESTEN L4445. Division cavalry units advanced to the vicinity of L3434 and L3639. Front line changes: L3029 - L3030 - L3033 and MOSELLE River L3034 to KESTEN L4445 - WENGEROHR L4252 - L4651 - L4654 - L4556. 94th Division. Captured KASEL L2729. The 3d Cavalry Group relieved from attachment to the 94th Division. Front line change: L2628 - KASEL L2729. 16th Cavalry Group. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of VECKRING Q0183.

XII Corps. 76th Division. (Less 417th Inf and with 2d Cav Gp atchd). Captured DORF L4255, NEUERBURG L4356 and SCHLADT L3559. Units entered PLUSSBACH L4257 without opposition. Front line change: NEUERBURG L4356 - DORF L4255 - PLUSSBACH L4257 - L3961 - L3767. 5th Division. Continued the advance toward the MOSELLE River L5567. Captured GILLENFELD L4070, the high ground at L5874 and COCHEM L5972. The 11th Infantry Regiment was attached to the 4th Armored Division at L200A. Front line change: GILLENFELD L4070 - COCHEM L5972 - L5974. 4th Armored Division. (With 11th Inf atchd). Continued the advance to the MOSELLE River against light and scattered resistance. Cleared all organized resistance from the area west of the RHINE River to the junction of the RHINE and MOSELLE Rivers L9196. Captured GREIMERSBURG L5776, LANDKERN L5877, ILLERICH L6078, WIRFUS L6278, GONDORF L7988, WINNINGEN L8490, KAIL L6476, BRIEDEN L6676, POMMERN L6674, CARDEN L6876 and HATZENPORT L7781. Resistance was cleared from the north bank of the MOSELLE River from L7981 to the junction of the MOSELLE and RHINE Rivers L9196. Front line change: KAIL L6476 - BRIEDEN L6676 - POMMERN L6674 - CARDEN L6876 - HATZENPORT L7781 - MOSELLE River L7981 - junction MOSELLE and RHINE Rivers L9196 - RHINE River F7604. 80th Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area west of REMICH L0106 in XX Corps area. 89th Division. Remained in an assembly area with the 353d Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of MOHN L1738 and the 355th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of IDENHEIM L1645.

VIII Corps. Continued to mop up isolated and scattered pockets of resistance remaining in the corps area. 90th Division. Closed in assembly areas with the 357th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of MAYEN L6392, the 358th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of L5699 and the 359th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of L5492. 4th Division. Closed in assembly areas with the 8th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of L4298, the 12th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of WALSdorf L2787 and the 22d Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of HILLESHEIM L2488. 87th Division. Assembled with the 345th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of MIRFACH L2495, the 347th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of ALEMDORF L2297 and the 346th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of ESCH L2096. 6th Cavalry Group. Swept through the pocket of resistance and cleared it of all enemy. Units advanced east to the general line L5897 - F5207.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. With the exception of a small pocket south and southwest of F3110 all organized resistance has been cleared from the corps sector south to the present First and Third Army boundary. 2d Division. Mopped up small pockets of resistance and contacted units of the 6th Cavalry Group (Third Army) in the vicinity of HANNERBACH F5605. Relieved units of the 11th Armored Division in the vicinity of F7109. 102d Cavalry Group. Established contact with units of the 6th Cavalry Group (Third Army) in the vicinity of HANNERBACH F5605. 106th Division. Assigned to the Fifteenth Army 10 March.

III Corps. Continued to enlarge and strengthened the RHINE River bridgehead against heavy pressure particularly in the vicinity of F6422. The treadway bridge at F6420 was damaged during the night by artillery fire but was in operation at L10700A. The railroad bridge F6420 was damaged by artillery fire and was non-operational from 0200A to 0515A. Ferries were in operation in the vicinity of F6718, F6420 and F6222. 99th Division. The 393d and 391th Infantry Regiments crossed into the bridgehead area. The 394th Infantry Regiment attacked at 0830A

against heavy resistance, advanced to F7016 and entered LEUBSDORF F6316. Front line change: LEUBSDORF F6816 - F7016. 78th Division. The 309th Infantry Regiment reached F6723. Front line change: F6723. 9th Division. (With CCB 9th Armd Div atchd). Attacked at 1910A from the vicinity of F6722 and made a minor gain to the northeast against heavy resistance. Combat Command "B" advanced south to the vicinity of F6916. 39th Infantry closed in the vicinity of BRUCHHAUSEN F6622. Front line changes: F7020 - F6922 and F6624 - F6726 - F6526 - F6427 - F6328. 9th Armored Division. (Less CCB). Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "R" remained on the west side of the RHINE River opposite the bridgehead.

VII Corps. Prisoners of war taken since the attack started on 23 February through 102400A number 33,795. 1st Division. (With 14th Cav Gp atchd). The 16th Infantry Regiment relieved units of the 14th Cavalry Group. The division continued to regroup. 4th Cavalry Group. Relieved by 113th Cavalry Group (Ninth Army) at 1600A.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 102400A).

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Captured</u>	<u>Total</u>
Twelfth Army Group Battle	62,979	256,138	35,194	8,866	363,177
Non-battle					264,643
Total Casualties					627,820

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Twenty-First Army Group

Ninth Army

75th Division

5th Armored Division

11th British Armored Division

4th Canadian Armored Division

MUNCHEN GLADBACH F1090

LINTFORT A1722

NEERSEN F1295

ROTSELAER J8765

A0435

Twelfth Army Group

VIII Corps

5th Division

76th Division

90th Division

9th Armored Division

ADENAU L4298

DAUN L3577

NIEDERKAIL L2853

LINZ F6819

BAD NEUENNAHR F5716

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